proposition the operators withdrew with the statement that they were ready Sure proceed with negotiations under the President's proposal at any time they were called by the Secretary of Labor or the full wage scale committee of the miners. They then filed out.

Upon leaving the hall T. T. Brewster, head of the operators' representatives, said:

"Negotiations have been concluded. We accepted the President's proposition in toto. The miners would not accept. We expect no further meeting, but are ready at any time."

John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, said:

"The President's proposition, as we understood it, reaffirmed the statement of Secretary Wilson that we agree to enter a joint conference without reservation, having in mind the best interests of our people. The ers formally accepted that proposition. The operators' interpretation held that it involved arbitration. We accepted the suggestion to go into conference immediately for negotiation. The operators bolted the meeting without consulting Secretary Wilson. They took French leave.

We have made every honest effort to avert the industrial catastrophe that will be imposed upon the people by the coal strike. We reiterate the responsibility for this action is not ours. We disclaim responsibility and are perfectly willing to negotiate.

"The strike order stands. The strike will occur November 1."

In Favor of a Conference.

"I have read with interest the sug-gestion made by you that the wage scale committees of the operators and miners go into conference without reservation

Labor leaders at the industrial confer

forth:

"One of the objects of the conference should be the levying of an assessment on every organized worker in the United States and Canada of not less than one-fourth of his net earnings; and upon every officer of organized labor not less than 50 per cent of his salary until the objects of this drive be accomplished."

It also said there must be "an offen-

The leaders in the Illinois Federation of Labor, including Victor Olander and Duncan McDonald, are among the most radical and vigorous labor chiefs in the country and they will be strong influences in the conference which Mr. Gompers has called.

To Demand Nationalization.

The brotherhood representatives at the conference are expected to insist that one of labor's demands be the nationalization of the railroads and a similar demand from the miners with respect to the coal mines is locked for.

In answer to the Illinois telegram

Secretary Wilson's Statement.

After the conference had ended in need of more supplies, it would be a Secretary Wilson, who had striven for cruel neglect of our high duty to humanity to fall them. days to evert the strike, made this statement:

"The operators agreed to accept the proposal of the President in its entirety and to proceed to negotiation, and in event of failure to submit to arbitration, the mines to be continued in operation pending the adjustment

"The miners interpreted the letter of the President to mean two separate propositions. The men were willing to accept the first, that is to proceed

"The operators said that having expressed their willingness to accept the President's proposition in its entirety they held themselves ready to proceed with negotiations and arbitration whenever called upon by the Secretary of Labor or by the miners' scale committee, and with that statement they withdrew.

"The miners remained and expressed their regret that the negotiations could not go on, but declined to proceed with negotiations until it was determined whether an agreement could be reached. The conference was adjourned without date."

The President's letter upon which the negotiations were based was addresed to Secretary Wilson and signed by Private Secretary Tumulty.

Message From the President.

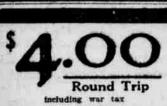
The communication read: Dear Mr. Secretary-The Presiding strike in the bitumin coal fields of the country and was glad to have your report of the status of the

report of the status of the negotiations now being carried on under your direction. He requests me to convey the following message to you:

"I have been watching with deep and sincere interest your efforts to bring about a just settlement of the differences between the operators and the of the country. It is to be hoped that the good judgment that has been exer-cised by both operators and miners in e by in the adjustment of theh ifferences will again prevail in the pres

"All organized society is dependent upon the maintenance of its fuel supply for the continuance of its existence. The for the continuance of its existence. The Government has appealed with success to other classes of workers to postpone similar questions until a reasonable ad-justment could be arrived at. With the parties to this confrovers

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President Gompers sent the following:

"Executive council American Federation of Labor before its adjournment
Tussday evening adopted a declaration
calling for a conference to be held in
Washington at an early date to deal
with several of the subjects contained in

your message."

With the life and death struggle, as seen by the Illinois Federation, apparently coming, renewed efforts are to be made by the Administration to bring an industrial conference that will get results and bring a laber truce if not a peace

peace

A report from the public group of the conference was taken to the White House by Chairman Baruch to-night. Mr. Baruch and Thomas L. Chadbourne were at the White House with the Secretary of Labor to-day, and exchanged messages with the President through Mr. Tumulty. They took up both the mine strike conference and the national industrial conference. for the purpose of negrotiating an agree-ment as though no demands had been made or rejected, having due regard to the interests of their vespective groups. I am in second with that suggestion.

Chairman Harry B. Wheeler of the employers' group issued this statement "Mr. Gompers and the other repre "Mr. Gompers and the other repre-sentatives of organized labor who boited the national industrial conference are showing a poor spirit of sportsmanship. Neither Mr. Gompers nor President Eliot can beeloud the issue by assuming that they correctly stated the vote of the em-ployers' group on the Gompers resolu-tion and neither told the truth. The Gompers resolution was defeated under

I am m accord with that suggestion.

"No body of men knows better the details, intr cacles and technicalities of mining than do the minars and operators. No body of men can work out the details of a wage scale on a more equitable basis. Their judgmerst would undoubtedly be bared upon the sum total of knowledge of the industry.

"Whatever their differences may be, no matter how widely divergent their viewpoints may be from each other, it is a duty that they owe to soc ety to make an earnest effort to negociate those differences and to keep the mines of our country in operation. After all, the public interest in this vital matter is the paramount consideration of the Government, and admits of no other action than that of consideration of a peaceful settlement of the matter as suggested by you. Gompers resolution was defeated under the rule of the conference on group vot-ing. Group voting was the unanimous recommendation of the rules committee at a time when no opportunity had been afforded for each group to size up the other's mental processes and opinions. President Eliot was not in favor of

operators fail to come to a mitual under-standing, the interests of the public are of such vital importance in connection with the production of coal that it is in-cumbent upon them to refer the matters in dispute to a board of arbitration for determination, and to continue the opera-tion of the mines pending the decision of the board." President Ellot was not in favor of group voting, but Mr. Gompers and the labor group voted for it unanimously. "The employers' group did not defeat the Gompers resolution by a majority of one. The employers' group consisted of seventeen members—three farmers, two bankers, two railroad executives and ign business men. When the vote on the Gompers resolution was taken the two members named by the Investment Bankers Association and one representative ers Association and one representative

ers Association and one representative from the business men were absent from Washington. Fourteen votes were cast. Ten votes were cast against the resolution, four in favor of it.

"What Mr. Gompers had in rind to accomplish by a misstatement of the facts and without any effort to ascertain the truth the public may judge."

Themas T. Brewster, chairman of the coal operators scale committee, late to-night issued the following statement:

"The operators accepted President After the conference President Lewis of the mine workers said that every bituminous miner in the country would be called out. The strike order, he said, would affect 600,000 men. would affect 600,000 men.

Secretary of Labor Wilson looked wan affer the conference had broken up. He was asked if that ended the Government's efforts and said that it did not. The Government, he said, would do anything possible, but he admitted that he had no new move in mind.

The American Federation of Labor is evidently preparing for a long slege of industrial strife. No general strike has been called and there will scarcely be a general move until after the conference of the heads of all international unions in Washington. Thre are many indications of a general concert of movement mong the leaders here, and it is believed that so-called nationalists and syndicalists are preparing to selse the opportunity to advance their plans.

Labor leaders at the industrial confer-"The operators accepted President Wilson's proposal to resume negotiations for a wage scale and to submit to arbi-tration any points which could not be agreed to, the mines to be kept at work

agreed to, the mines to be kept at work during negotiations. This the miners refused, thereby breaking off the negotiations and making the strike inevitable.

The refusal of the miners to accept or consider any of the propositions submitted, including the final proposition from President Wilson to submit all matters to arbitration, demonstrates their determination that the coal supply of the United States will be cut off unless their demands are granted in full. Mr. Lewis is running true to his statement that the Government can't statement that the Government can't stop the strike."

Lator leaders at the industrial confer-ence repeated time after time that they were being crowded hard in a conserva-live stand by their followers. The meet-ing of a general conference of interna-tional officers that will bring many radi-cal leaders to Washington would seem to indicate a determination to make a fight The Mine Workers' Position. The United Mine Workers of Amer-ica, in a statement to-night, asserted that the operators "waiked out of the conference," and "did exactly what they indicate a determination to make a fight, accepting the gaze from the employers and giving an opportunity to those who have chafed at conservatism. set out deliberately to do in the first place—forced the bituminous miners of the United States to strike."

The call was in response to a telegram from the Ulinois Federation of Labor suggesting a convention of the American Federation of Labor to affect an offensive and defensive alliance of all unions of the United States and Canada to fight labor's battles.

The Illinois federation's telegram set forth:

have chafed at conservatism.

In addition to the 112 international unions the four railroad brotherhoods, the United Mine Workers and other organizations will be represented. It is understood as likely that farmers' organizations that have taken a radical stand will also be asked to participate. Telegrams to all of the international unions were sent out to-day.

Canada to Be Called Upon.

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"Knowing that the operators were dead set against the making of a new agreement, we knew that if both sides accepted the two propositions made by President Wilson—one for negotiation and the other for arbitration—the operators would prevent a contract by negotiation and then throw the entire matter into arbitration. Such arbitration would be a long drawn out proceeding, deliberately made so by operators, and during all of the long weeks and mouths which would be consumed by the arbitration the miners would be compelled to gontlinue to work at the present wholly linadequate wages and under the present unbearable working conditions."

"It was entirely possible for the miners and the operators to negotiate a new agreement before the first day of November if the operators had been willing to meet the miners in a fair, honest effort to do so.

"But we find that the only remedy left to us is a suspension of work to obtain better conditions and wages. We

objects of this drive be accomplished."

It also said there must be "an offensive and defensive alliance of the international unions of the United States and Canada and the railway brotherhoods, so as more effectively to fight out the life and death struggles of the workers now in progress and impending."

Regarding the atect trust it says:

"Too long has labor permitted these trants to keep the workers on the defensive."

do what the great American people did when Germany became arrogant and op-pressive. They must assert their man-hood. We have no fear as to the out-come. Nor do we have any fear but that the American public will see the justice of our position and our action."

Miners Violate Contracts.

The manner in which the coal miners' The manner in which the coal miners' union has broken its contract with the operators in the Kentucky fields was related before the Frelinghuysen sub-committee which has been investigating the coal industry when a delegation of the operators met with the Senators prior to seeing John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in an effort to have the union fulfil the terms of its agreement.

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of its agreement.

The Kentucky field employs less than I per cent. foreign labor, the committee was told, and the sentiment throughout the district has always been against unionizing the workers. In order to prevent trouble and strikes, however, when agitators sought to disturb the workers the men and to equalize conditions in Kentucky with those in the fields to the north of the Ohio the operators finally agreed with the union leaders to permit organization under a specific contract that they were to be protected against strikes. This was agreed to en September 2 by both the local and the national officers of the miners' unions, it was said, but within thirty days after the agreement the operators found themselves confronted with a walkout.

It was developed in the course of the informal hearings this afternoon that a large proportion of the mine workers opposed unionizing. Conditions in the field were reported as exceptionally sood, with the pay running from \$2,000 to the modern type, with the majority of the men owning their homes and many of the workers going to and from the miners' demands would have in the field the operators stated that it was inconceivable that such demands had been much of conceivable that the Kentucky fields the room. American abit of my intended his head.

The Hungarians of radicely tendent the workers of the such and production would be cut. It was stated that the Kentucky fields the conceivable that

sult and production would be cut. It was stated that the Kentucky fields bave recently suffered a reduction in output because of no market, largely due to the car shortage, but that in the last few weeks the supply of cars has been better. The coal from this field is frawn upon heavily by the Railroad Administration and the closing of the mines by the unions, in violation of the contracts made in September, will para

U. S. STRIKE PLOT IS LAID TO RUSSIANS

ditions are better in the United States."
Paul Glaser, described by Lieut. Vas "certainly was a Bolshevist" and de-

"What are you going to do about it? The I. W. W. are certain to get control of the American Federation of Labor, though some of the federation's leaders are tending toward conservative views.

Reading from some of the Bolshevik literature based on the Moscow documents, Van Buren repeatedly found de-mands to "overthrow the capitalistic classes in all countries," and declara-tions that "the old unions have proved tions that "the old unions have proved a failure, thair leaders incapable of helping the workers. Civil war is now forced upon us and the bourgeoisie must be disarmed. Seisure of the political power means the destruction of capitalistic armies, judges, priests and Government officials and all bourgeoisie tools."

"All the radicals of the country are pentring on the propaganda of Lenine and Trotzky," the witness continued. "I call to your attention the fact that it was printed in Chicago by the Arbeiter

"Is this stuff going through the mails!" Chairman Kenyon inquired. "Oh, yes," Van Buren said. "Well, it'd better be stopped if our Government isn't to become impotent,"

remarked Chairman Kenyon.
"It has been charged that this material was sent into Gary to create prejudice against the strikers," said Chairman Kenyon. "We only know we found it there."

Van Buren returned. "These people who had it usually had a big picture of Lenine and Trotzky. We found literally thousands of these photographs."
"It was reported to us that Richard Verhanin, vice-president and treasurer of the steel workers, council at Garages.

Lieut. Van Buren then read a tran-script of Verhagin's examination before a military tribunal. Verhagin admitted

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engaged in the strike." was the reply.
"All American Federation of Labor organizations?"
"I understand so."

Anarchists Hide Behind A. F. L. Van Buren characterized the "Workera' International Defense League" as
"nothing less than an anarchistics outfit
working through the I. W. W."
The Lieutenant toid of the arrest of
twenty-four Hungarians at Gary and
said:
"All were aliens, and most of them
were induced to go into the I. W. W.
on the argument that they would be
members of the one big union. They were

on the argument that they would be members of the one big union. They were told that by joining they would get all of their demands and live easy. Most of them read the Emancipation, printed in the Hungarian language, which was not sent through the mails but delivered either by courier or sent by express to secretaries of the locals for distribution.

"I have not seen a bit of American literature during the whole of my investigation in Gary. In Chicago the German-American Citizens League has been organized as the nucleus of the old German-American Alliance with Dr. Carhard as its secretary. Many of the officers of this organization were instrumental in German activities in the United States during the war.

van Buren said: "Mr. Anderson is in the room. Aren't you the man?" elds in Anderson nodded his head.

Three Hungarians of radical tendencies, Lieut. Van Buren testified, were recommended by Gen. Wood for deportants in is and I. W. W.'s " said the army officer, "but they were not deported. In rejecting the recommendations made the immigration officers said a direct staterejecting the recommendations made the immigration officers said a direct statement showing the accused man to be an anarchist would have to be obtained or he must by his actions have shown him-self to be an anarchist before he could of to be an anarchist before he could the Gary strike, was put on the stand deported.

"Then you have to get a man with a rather weak denial of all that had gone.

and him out of the country. Did y
take that up with a Department of Ji
tice agent?" the witness was asked.
"I did." was the reply.
"What was the result." was asked.
"I do not know." Van Buren said.

"Are there any American porn men leaders in these revolutionary activities?" asked Senator Kenyon.

"No American born that I know of. Rome of the leaders are naturalized. Months ago an attempt was made to organize the Russian Red Guard in cary. It was to be a military organization with returned soldiers drilling the men. When the strike came it was to be the communist or Red army."

"Was that for the forceful overthrow of the Government?" asked Senator Smith (Ga.).
"Yes. sir, that and that alone. In Gary it is just as though you have a small American colony in Petrograd.
Russians and Austrians outnumber the

Russians and Austrians outnumber the Americans eight or nine to one."

Lieut. Van Buren expressed the opinion that the deportation of a small number of the radical leaders would settle the whole trouble. When asked for his solution by the committee he said:

"The American born citteen should be made to shut up or be locked up. The alien leaders should be sent out at once. The streat mass of those working people. allen leaders should be sent out at once. The great mass of those working people are so ignorant they do not understand what it is all about, but revolution is being talked freely to them, Men like Bill Haywood. C. E. Ruthenberg and Ludwig Martens should be handled without gloves. If they were handled properly this thing would be over. Haywood has been sentenced and Ruthenberg is out on ball, but they are making berg is out on ball, but they are making

Senators brought out that Martens i the representative of the Soviet Government of Russia in the United States.
"T've also been told, and since Ander son is here will repeat the report," Van Buren continued, "that he is directly the chief representative of the I. W. W. In Gary as well as head of the trades union

organization."
Lieut Van Buren said no effort has been made to interfere with the strike in Gary. "Meetings in halls are allowed at all times," he told the committee, "and

"What about the report that a stock ade has been built?" asked Senator Kenyon.
"A stockade has been built," Van
Buren said, "It consists of a small
house surrounded by a barbed wire

When Oscar E. Anderson, leader of

lighted bomb in his hand, catch him put-ting it under the house, have him con-ident of a steel workers' union and fess it and swear to it before you can chairman of the general strike council

"Are you a member of the a. y. "...
"asked Senator McKellar.
"I am not," Anderson retorted.
"I came to Gary in 1909 after serving four years in the United States Navy and have been working there most of the

"Can you tell us why you went into the union?" asked Senator Phipps. "Because I felt that twelve hours was "Because I felt that twelve hours was

don't pay any attention to them. In the labor movement they are regarded as ioose upstairs."

Anderson tapped his head significantly is he gave his verdict, but committee nembers were intent on pushing the matter further.

"You consider this a strike for eight hours and a living American wage," Thairman Kenyon began. "Don't you would get further before the public if you got rid of these Reds, purged your organizations completely of them and went ahead without them?"

"Yes, Mr. Anderson." Senator Mc-Kellar of Tennessee interjected. "Why don't you pitch them out? This committee has sat here and listened to anarchists who have been taken into council on your strike matters and heard them boast of it. We've followed Mr. Foster's history past and present (he was speaking of William Z. Foster, general secretary of the strike executive committee) and men like that clear up at the top of your organizationa Don't you know this prejudices the public wholly against you and your cause?"

"Yes, I do," Anderson responded. "But you can't tell how these men are affected until a strike comes along. We

you can't tell how these men are affected until a strike comes along. We don't make religious and political distinctions in calling a strike."

The whole issue in the strike, Anderson said, was the eight hour day.

NATIONALIZATION INDORSED. United Mine Workers Back Up In

ternational Body. Jounstown, Pa., Oct. 24. - Withou erious opposition District No. 2 convention of the United Mine Workers here to-day adopted escalutions indorsmines and calling for the formation of a troope row independent labor party on the help, ground that "the two old political parties have become antagonistic to the

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"Because I felt that twelve hours was no long a day," Anderson replied, "and because the earnings on the whole were not enough to enable a man to support his family."

Asked his wage rate, Anderson said he had averaged \$9 a day for the last twelve months.

"There aren't more than 250 or 300 Reds in the 75,000 people at Gary," Anderson declared. "They don't count. We don't pay any attention to them, In the labor movement they are regarded as loose upstairs."

Anderson tapped his head significantly

STRIKE MEETING DISBANDED Shots Fired at State Troopers Near Glassport, Pa.

Pirranung, Pa., Oct. 24 .- More than 1,000 steel strikers of Glassport, Port Vue and McKeesport attempted to hold a meeting late to-day on a hill near Glassport. The State police forced the men to disband. About 1,000 men had gathered on the hill when the first

Many shots were fired at them with-out effect by members of the crowd, the troopers reported. They sent a call for help, and when reanforcements arrived from McKeesport the men on the hill were dispersed. Frank Martina, Glass-port, is held on a charge of inciting to cause of the working people."
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